FISCAL NOTE

SB 1769 - HB 1675

March 5, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires an additional \$2.00 fee be paid when application is made for a driver license, instruction permit, intermediate driver license, photo identification card, or commercial driver license to be deposited in a special reserve to be known as the driver testing station reserve. Specifies that such fee shall not be applied to persons renewing their driver license by mail, internet or telephone. Provides for the moneys in the reserve to be used for the construction or operation of driver testing stations established in each grand division of the state. Requires the Department of Safety to prepare a report concerning the efficiency of driver testing stations to be submitted to the Senate and House Transportation Committees in February, 2002.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$2,000,000/Driver Testing Station Reserve Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,500,000 Recurring Exceeds \$250,000 One-Time

Estimate assumes:

- approximately 644,000 driver licenses are issued annually either as originals, duplicates, reinstatements, or reclassifications.
- approximately 595,000 driver license renewals annually of which approximately 95,000 will renew by mail or internet.
- an increase in state revenues from the \$2.00 fee paid on 1,144,000 driver license transactions.
- the Department of Safety estimates the cost of setting-up and operating one full service testing station with 12 positions at \$57,000 one-time and \$321,000 recurring and the cost of setting up and operating one driver license express station with five positions at \$20,000 one-time and \$139,000 recurring. The bill requires at least one additional station be opened in each grand division before multiple stations can be opened in any one grand division.
- an increase in state expenditures for the construction and operation
 of driver license testing stations. The revenues generated under the
 provisions of the bill could fund five full-service testing stations or 11
 express stations in the first year or a combination of the two types of
 stations.
- a not significant increase in expenditures for the Department of Safety to prepare the required report.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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